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### UNITED STATES.

#### A REPORT ON LABORATORY WORK IN RELATION TO THE EXAMINATION OF RATS FOR PLAGUE AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

[Prepared by direction of the Surgeon-General by George W. McCoy, Passed Assistant Surgeon, United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

The great importance in a plague campaign of keeping the epizoötic in rats under observation is unquestioned. Indeed, sanitarians are at present inclined to attach much more importance from an epidemiological and quarantine point of view to the cases of plague in rats than to cases in man. The reason for this is obvious. Cases in man are apt to be recognized early and such measures may be taken as to render them harmless to the community. With rats, of course, the matter is quite different. Infected animals may be present and scatter their deadly malady far and wide, and the cause of human cases appear to be most mysterious unless careful examination is made of the rats of the community. Thus a systematic examination of rats becomes of prime importance in any scientifically planned plague campaign.

The work of the Indian Plague Commission (*Journal of Hygiene*, vol. 7, No. 3, July, 1907) has given a new direction to the examination of rats for plague. This commission has by its work put the detection of plague in rats upon a substantial and accurate foundation, as it has shown that plague in rats is attended by certain well-defined lesions easily recognized by the naked eye. It has proved conclusively that the naked-eye diagnosis from the gross lesions is much more likely to be accurate than a diagnosis based upon microscopic findings. These lesions are in brief a bubo, a more or less marked subcutaneous injection, a necrotic or granular condition of the liver, pleural effusion, and a large, firm spleen.

My report is based upon the examination of about 40,000 rats made in March, April, May, and June of the present year, a time when no cases of plague were observed in man. Approximately 98 per cent of the rats examined were classified as belonging to the species, *Mus norvegicus*, the remaining 2 per cent to the species *Mus rattus*. The earlier rat examinations in San Francisco were made the subject of a report by Wherry, Walker, and Howell (*Journal American Medical Association*, April 11, 1908).

Of the 40,000 rats examined 85 have presented enough of the gross lesions of plague to merit close investigations. Of this number (85) 58 have been shown to be plague infected and 27 have proved negative for plague. All of the infected rats were of the species *Mus norvegicus* except 2, which were of the species *Mus rattus*. Of the 58

infected rats 39 (67 per cent) were so typical macroscopically and microscopically as to warrant a diagnosis of plague without submitting them to the test of inoculation into guinea pigs.

Of the remaining 19 infected rats, 14 presented gross lesions that justified a diagnosis of plague, but the microscopic examination failed to show characteristic organisms, or showed them in such small numbers that for the purpose of confirming the diagnosis their tissues were submitted to the inoculation test. Five (8 per cent) of the infected rats presented gross lesions that made us suspect the existence of plague infection. They were made the subjects of inoculation for the purpose of making a diagnosis. It will be seen that of the 58 infected rats only 5 (8+ per cent) failed to present sufficiently characteristic gross lesions to justify a diagnosis.

Twenty-eight rats that were regarded as more or less suspicious of acute or chronic plague were shown by inoculation experiments to be negative for plague.

The routine procedure was as follows: A rat that presented enough typical gross lesions of plague and showed large numbers of organisms consistent with *B. pestis* in smears from its tissues was recorded as infected, without further investigation. A few of these rats from time to time furnished tissues for the inoculation of guinea pigs for purposes other than those of diagnosis, and in each instance typical cases of plague were produced in the guinea pigs. Rats presenting doubtful lesions, or sufficiently characteristic lesions but without organisms consistent with *B. pestis*, were recorded as suspicious until the results of guinea-pig inoculation made a positive diagnosis possible. On only a few occasions were cultures made directly from an infected rat. I believe sufficient reason existed for this because no artificial medium is so good for the growth of *B. pestis* in the presence of contaminating organisms as is the body of a living guinea pig, and in dealing with rats, the tissues of which were usually invaded with other organisms by the time they reached us, the securing of a pure culture of *B. pestis* by culture methods alone would have taken more time than we had at our disposal. Cultures were made from guinea pigs, and of course no difficulty was experienced in isolating the bacillus and studying it.

A word should be said here about the search for the bacillus in the tissues of infected rats. We have not considered it wise to spend much time in the search for the organism, and it was only when the typical organisms were present in considerable numbers or in almost pure culture that we permitted the microscopic finding to have any material weight in arriving at a diagnosis.

Rats, in general, that are somewhat decomposed will very frequently show a multitude of bacterial forms in the tissues, many of which are not to be distinguished morphologically from *B. pestis*. It is, of course, well known that great care should be taken in drawing conclusions from the morphology of organisms in general, and P. A. Surg. M. J. White (Medical Record, January 28, 1905) has emphasized this, especially in regard to plague in rats. The fallacy of a diagnosis based on morphology has been made very clear to us in the following manner: It is extremely desirable that a method be found for the diagnosis of rat plague in doubtful cases without awaiting the result of guinea-pig inoculation, and it seemed to me that the well-known ability of *B. pestis* to multiply vigorously at a lower

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temperature than do many other bacterial species might be taken advantage of in making a diagnosis in such cases without awaiting the death of the inoculated animals. Occasionally when a rat with suspicious gross lesions was encountered in which plague-like organisms were absent or were found in such small numbers as to leave doubt in my mind as to their nature, we put the liver and spleen aside in a dark place at a temperature of from about 18° C. to about 22° C. Smears from the tissues were examined in 24 hours and again in 48 hours. In every case guinea pigs were inoculated for the purpose of controlling the method. In the first four cases apparently brilliant results were obtained. The tissues incubated at a low temperature showed practically a pure culture of *B. pestis*, and the guinea-pig controls died of plague. In the fifth case, what appeared to be a perfectly typical growth of *B. pestis* in the tissues in pure culture was obtained, but the guinea pigs failed to develop plague. In the sixth case the reverse happened; that is, the tissues failed to give a growth which we were willing to call *B. pestis*, yet the guinea pigs died of plague.

The method used in inoculating the tissues of suspected rats is as follows: The belly of one guinea pig is shaved over an area about 3 cm. square and over a part of this area, perhaps 1 cm. square, the shaving is done in such a manner as to abrade the epithelium, leaving a raw surface. In accordance with the injunction of the Indian Plague Commission, no soap or water is used; but I may say, in passing, that before I became acquainted with the views of the Indian Commission I frequently used soap and water in preparing guinea pigs for inoculation by this method, and have never seen any failures attributable to that procedure. On this abraded area, a piece of tissue (spleen, bubo, or liver) from the suspected rat is rubbed, using but little pressure. A second guinea pig is inoculated by a procedure used at the Hygienic Laboratory of this Service. In this procedure an incision about 0.7 cm. in length is made in the skin of the belly wall, a sterile dressing forceps is thrust down between the skin and the muscles for about 4 cm., and well into the pocket thus formed a bit of suspected tissue is placed. When guinea pigs are inoculated from an infected rat by the first procedure given above death usually occurs in four or five days (average, 4.8 days); by the second procedure, death usually follows on the third or fourth day (average, 3.6 days). I strongly advise against inoculation with a syringe, as when this is practiced a considerable number of guinea pigs will die acutely of infections other than plague.

#### THE NAKED-EYE APPEARANCE OF PLAGUE IN RATS.

*The bubo.*—Of the 58 infected rats, 32 (55 per cent) presented one or more well-defined buboes; 11 (19 per cent) presented no definite bubo, but a general enlargement of the lymph glands; 15 (26 per cent) presented no gross lesions of the lymph glands. Of the buboes, 26 were more or less softened or caseous upon section, while 4 were distinctly hemorrhagic. All were quite firm when examined before section, and the softened contents could be shelled out, leaving a well-defined capsule. One gland was white, succulent-looking, and not injected.

Buboes were single in 29 instances. Of these, 21 were situated in the groin, 6 in the axilla, and 2 in the pelvis. Two rats were met with

in which multiple buboes occurred. In one the right axillary and left inguinal glands were involved, and another had bilateral inguinal involvement. It is a remarkable and noteworthy fact that the cervical bubo which occurred in 72 per cent of natural plague rats examined by the Indian Commission was not found once in this series. A typical submaxillary bubo is recorded once in the 88 cases reported by Wherry, Walker, and Howell, and 33 times the submaxillary glands were reported as enlarged and congested. I am disposed to believe that some important and as yet not understood fact lies at the bottom of this difference between the experience here and that in India. Where note was made of the presence of bacilli in the buboes, they were found, sixteen times; absent, four times. In five of the sixteen cases in which bacilli were found, the "coccoid" form predominated.

Enlarged lymphatic glands are exceedingly common in rats, and glands that are merely enlarged, without surrounding infiltration or injection, are, in our experience, of no significance whatever.

*Subcutaneous injection.*—This sign was noted as present in greater or less degree forty-nine times (84+ per cent), in forty-five of which it was general in distribution. Twice it was confined to one side of the body, and in each of these cases it was found on the same side with the bubo. In one case no injection was noted except in the neighborhood of the glands. The injection was noted as slight eleven times; moderate, fifteen times; marked, sixteen times; and intense, seven times. In only three cases was it recorded as absent. In one case there was a considerable area of oedema in the axilla and the adjacent chest wall. The injection is the sign we have seen most frequently. When typical it is very highly significant of plague. The color is a rather dusky red. A bright pink injection is quite common in rats here other than those infected with plague.

The Indian Commission found subcutaneous injection in 69 per cent of their cases. It was recorded as present in 59 per cent of the cases reported by Wherry, Walker, and Howell.

*Liver signs.*—The liver was recorded as showing lesions in fifty cases (85+ per cent). Of these cases, in twenty-six the liver was yellowish brown in color and presented very distinct yellowish granules varying in number from very few to an enormous number and in size from a mere point to that of a mustard seed. In fifteen instances small whitish yellow areas rather indistinct in outline were seen. In these cases the liver showed no other departure from the normal. In two of the latter cases the spots were confined to the margin of the organ.

In 4,000 infected rats the Indian Commission found lesions of the liver in 58 per cent of the cases. Wherry, Walker, and Howell recorded them in 15 per cent of their cases.

*Pleural effusion.*—This sign was present thirty-four times (58+ per cent); absent, fifteen times; and in six cases the thorax was so injured by the trap that we were unable to say as to the existence of pleural effusion. The effusion was clear, serous in character, twenty-three times; blood-tinged or bloody, eleven times. Some of the latter may have been due to an injury to blood vessels when the rat was dissected. The effusion was small or moderate seventeen times; large, fifteen times.

The Indian Commission found pleural effusion in 72 per cent of cases. Wherry, Walker, and Howell found it in 71 per cent.

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*The spleen.*—This organ was enlarged forty-two times; not enlarged, thirteen times. In consistency it was firm thirty-seven times; soft, fifteen times. The color was deep-red forty times; slate-colored, nine times; and mottled, twice. The splenic signs, in my opinion, are less useful than any of the others. This is also the view expressed by the Indian Commission. After a considerable experience in the examination of rats, I have no very clear idea as to what the normal size of the spleen should be. It varies in rats apparently healthy and of about the same size from 3 cm. in length up to 6 cm., and its other dimensions are equally variable.

In this series of 58 infected rats no one sign was found in every case in the series. In twenty-three instances (40 per cent) all the gross lesions of plague in rats were present. A typical bubo is the only lesion existing alone on which I would be willing to hazard a diagnosis of rat plague. Without a typical bubo, the other signs should be well marked to justify a diagnosis of plague.

*The cases that proved negative.*—Fifteen rats were found presenting microscopic lesions more or less suspicious of acute plague. Thirteen of these rats presented granular and necrotic foci in the liver, which on two or three occasions appeared to be identical with those found in plague. In two cases an intense congestion was the only markedly suspicious sign. Pleural effusion was met with four times. It is noteworthy that in not one of these cases was a typical bubo found, and I may say in passing that in no case in which a typical bubo has been found has plague not been confirmed when inoculations have been made.

Only one of these fifteen rats was recorded, after gross examination, as probably plague infected; in this case a marked subcutaneous injection, a typical plague liver, a large, firm, deep red spleen, the axillary and inguinal glands on one side deeply injected, and a large, clear, serous, pleural effusion, made a very suspicious combination. In addition, a few bipolar organisms were found in smears. Two guinea pigs were inoculated from the spleen of this rat by the routine method. They were both killed on the tenth day and in each case were found normal beyond the presence of a few whitish-yellow granules in the spleen. Smears showed a very few solidly staining organisms in the spleen resembling *B. typhosus*. Cultures made were negative for *B. pestis*, but gave a growth of an organism that I have not completely identified. This same organism, or a similar one, has been encountered in another rat presenting in the liver lesions suspicious of plague. It does not appear to be at all closely related to *B. pestis*.

Of the negative cases, twelve were rats that presented nothing suspicious of acute plague, but presented suppurating or caseous foci that were regarded as possibly due to chronic plague. Eleven of these foci were found to be suppurating or caseous lymphatic glands. They presented nothing in smears that could be interpreted as *B. pestis*. They were in each case tested on guinea pigs, but always with negative results. The remaining case was one that we were disposed to regard as very suspicious of chronic plague, as described by the Indian plague commission. The rat presented no lesion, except a caseous mass (abscess) adherent to the lower edge of the spleen. The lesion was about 1 cm. in diameter. The abscess cavity was filled with a semisolid yellowish mass. No organisms were found in smears, and

the inoculation of two guinea pigs resulted negatively. We have encountered in our work here no example of chronic or latent plague.

*Cultural characteristics.*—The organisms I have isolated here all gave the reactions for *B. pestis* on artificial media—that is, they did not liquefy gelatine, or ferment glucose, lactose, or muscle sugars. Milk was unchanged. The growth on agar was the characteristic sticky, translucent film usually given by plague. Only on broth and salt agar did plague give growths that could be considered at all characteristic.

We have not prepared brotl especially for the development of stalactites—that is, by the use of an overlying fat—but have used ordinary broth in which the growth is sufficiently characteristic. Under these conditions a fine, more or less granular, precipitate was formed, which adhered to the sides and bottom of the tube. The medium never showed uniform clouding when the culture was grown under conditions that precluded serious vibration. On the surface was found a delicate, patchy film, or often only a few islands of growth; and upon slight agitation there fell down from the surface-film delicate, globular masses of the growth, often suspended by a fine filament from the surface. I observed one or two old cultures that gave what appeared to be a rather uniform turbidity; however, upon close inspection, it was found that the culture was full of exceedingly fine flakes, rather than that a uniform turbidity existed. In the old cultures a rather heavy scum was observed at times, which I was inclined at first to regard as evidence of contamination; but further investigation in every case showed these tubes to contain pure cultures.

*Involution forms on 3 per cent salt agar.*—The production of involution forms is, of course, universally regarded as of the greatest value in establishing the identity of a given organism such as *B. pestis*. My experience has amply confirmed this. In some thirty-odd cultures of *B. pestis* isolated here from plague-infected rats, usually after passage through guinea pigs, we never failed to get characteristic involution forms. These forms were generally to be found on 3 per cent salt agar after twenty-four hours, and always typically after forty-eight hours. The gigantic globose and trypanosome-shaped forms have, as is well known, no resemblance at all to the ordinary forms of *B. pestis*, and I more than once questioned whether we were dealing with plague at all when such extreme involution forms were present. However, I often recovered pure cultures of the ordinary type from these extreme involution forms by transplanting to ordinary media.

A few other organisms give forms that resemble the involution forms of *B. pestis*; notably *B. diphtheriae* and *B. mallei*. The diphtheria organism does not produce forms within forty-eight hours that should lead to any confusion, but with that of glanders the case is different, as it will in forty-eight hours, or in even less time, give the long whip-like forms. Of course, the other points of difference between the two organisms would preclude any possibility of confusion.

There are several points to be observed in the use of salt agar if we are to obtain trustworthy results. In the first place, the salt used should be chemically pure sodium chloride. When I first began to work with plague cultures at San Francisco, I found that upon salt agar (3 per cent) I could get no growth at all, and, in fact, the organisms grew very poorly upon all my media. Different lots of salt agar were made, beef, beef extracts, tap water, distilled water, and differ-

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ent reactions to phenolphthalein being used, but still upon the 3 per cent salt medium I could get no growth of plague. My technique was carefully reviewed and the antecedents of my materials were considered. Finally it was learned that the salt was ordinary table salt from a grocery, which had inadvertently been put into a container marked "chemically pure sodium chloride." When a new lot of really pure salt was obtained no further difficulty was experienced.

A sample of this salt which so strongly inhibited the growth of *B. pestis* has been submitted to the Hygienic Laboratory of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service for chemical analysis, and I propose to carry out a series of experiments to determine what impurity or impurities led to the failure of plague upon this media.

The second point learned from our experience here is, that it will very frequently happen that upon salt agar (3 per cent) only a very feeble growth or even no growth, is obtained when the medium is inoculated directly from an animal. When the inoculation is made upon broth or ordinary agar and a generation of the organism is so obtained, it may be transplanted to the salt agar and a vigorous and satisfactory growth be assured.

A third point less definite and well established than the two previous ones is the variation in the type of involution-forms, dependent upon the length of time during which the culture has been carried upon artificial media. It has been my experience that cultures of plague recently isolated from an infected rat show marked involution forms earlier than a culture long carried on artificial media. Indeed, some old cultures, even after forty-eight hours on salt agar, show a large number of the organisms to be but moderately different from the forms on ordinary agar. Another point of difference between old and recent cultures is that in the former the large "whip" forms are apt to predominate, while in the recently isolated cultures globose and spindle-shaped forms usually predominate.

While there has been no question raised in any responsible quarter as to the existence of plague among the rats in San Francisco, it may not be amiss to make mention of the steps taken to absolutely prove the existence of the disease so far as methods at our disposal made it possible. In 2 cases, from rats which from gross appearances were considered plague-infected and which showed in smears from their tissues, organisms consistent with *B. pestis*, guinea pigs were inoculated by the cutaneous ("vaccination") method. The guinea pigs died on the 4th and 5th days, respectively. The animals presented the typical lesions of plague on post-mortem examination. In each case an organism was isolated from the heart's blood which gave all the cultural reactions of *B. pestis*, special attention being paid to the growth in broth, and to the production of involution-forms on salt agar. Cultures of these organisms (third generation) were then used to inoculate guinea pigs, again by the cutaneous method. One loopful of a 72-hour agar culture was used on each guinea pig. Two guinea pigs were inoculated with each culture, one having been given, intraperitoneally, just before the inoculation, 2 cc. of antiplague serum from the Pasteur Institute in Paris. In the case of culture A, the animal that had not received an inoculation of serum, died on the 7th day, while the animal that received the serum lived 12 days. In the case of culture B, the animal that received the serum did not sicken at all. It was killed on the 30th day after inoculation and at necropsy presented only

a small caseous gland in the left groin in which no *B. pestis* could be found. The control died on the 8th day. The 3 animals that died showed typical lesions of plague. In each case a pure culture of an organism giving all the reactions of *B. pestis* was obtained from the heart's blood of the dead animal. It is perhaps of not much significance that in the case of culture A, the guinea pig protected by serum lived 5 days longer than the control. The protected animal inoculated with culture B, was, however, the only example I have encountered of a guinea pig that survived inoculation with any of the cultures of *B. pestis* isolated at San Francisco. These two cultures, A and B, are the only ones I have isolated here that were tried against antiplague serum. The serum used has been in stock for a number of months and I am inclined to believe that its protective value is not especially high.

I wish to express my indebtedness to Acting Assistant Surgeon W. B. Wherry for valuable suggestions, and for kindly placing at my disposal plague literature otherwise not available.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Emeryville, Cal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended July 3, 1908.

Date of last case .....	Sickened, January 30, 1908
Sick inspected .....	9
Dead inspected .....	83
Premises inspected .....	15,726
Houses disinfected .....	103
Houses destroyed .....	17
Nuisances abated .....	1,468

Rats found dead .....	432
Rats trapped .....	3,251
Total rats taken .....	3,683

Rats identified:	
<i>Mus norvegicus</i> .....	2,621
<i>Mus rattus</i> .....	40
<i>Mus musculus</i> .....	379
Total .....	3,040

Rats examined bacteriologically .....	2,413
Rats infected with <i>B. pestis</i> .....	1
Poisons placed .....	85,882

Week ended July 11.

Sick inspected .....	20
Dead inspected .....	139
Premises inspected .....	14,762
Houses disinfected .....	132
Houses destroyed .....	6
Nuisances abated .....	2,003

Rats found dead .....	437
Rats trapped .....	3,923
Total rats taken .....	4,330

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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus .....	3,396
Mus rattus.....	66
Mus musculus.....	569
Total .....	<u>4,031</u>

Rats examined bacteriologically.....	2,481
Poisons placed .....	1,064,142

## OAKLAND, CAL.

Week ended July 4.

Sick inspected .....	60
Dead inspected.....	33
Premises inspected.....	4,996
Nuisances abated.....	1,062
Rats found dead.....	23
Rats trapped.....	1,191
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1,164
Poisons placed .....	3,041
Notices served .....	351
Ships inspected .....	4
Certificates signed .....	3

Week ended July 11.

Sick inspected.....	62
Dead inspected.....	53
Premises inspected.....	4,115
Nuisances abated.....	669
Rats found dead.....	25
Rats trapped.....	1,219
Poisons placed .....	3,642
Notices served .....	347
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1,168
Ships inspected .....	8
Ships fumigated.....	8
Certificates signed .....	8

## BERKELEY, CAL.

Week ended July 4.

Dead inspected.....	6
Premises inspected.....	711
Nuisances abated.....	38
Rats found dead.....	97
Rats trapped.....	55
Poisons placed .....	13,600
Notices served .....	16

## EMERYVILLE, CAL.

Week ended July 4.

Sick inspected.....	28
Premises inspected .....	956
Nuisances abated .....	5
Rats trapped .....	44
Poisons placed .....	5,385
Notices served .....	7

*Outgoing quarantine transactions.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports:

Week ended July 4.

Vessels fumigated and certified.....	23
Vessels certified.....	56

Week ended July 11.

Vessels disinfected and certified.....	37
Vessels certified.....	77

*Reports from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work—Summary, month of June, 1908.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, July 6:

Week ended July 4.

Rats received.....	798
Rats necropsied.....	676
Plague rats found.....	0
Plague-infected rats to date.....	11
Ships inspected.....	16
Ships fumigated.....	0

*Recent laboratory work on plague rats found at Seattle, Wash.*

In transmitting the report of Assistant Surgeon Chapin, under date of July 7, Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover states:

The block from which the plague rats referred to in my telegrams of July 6 and 7 were brought is bounded by Spring and Madison streets on the north and south and by Ninth and Eighth avenues on the east and west. It is nine blocks from the water front and is surrounded by residences, apartment houses, and hotels. It is occupied for the most part by a woodyard, the few dwellings on the block being ranged along Spring street.

Rats had been brought in every few days from this block from April 4 to May 18 for the bounty. The subsequent dates of rats brought from this block were June 3, 19, and 23. The delay in reporting the rat brought in June 23 was due to Dr. Chapin's desire to be absolutely certain of the diagnosis, as it was an entirely new focus and a long interval had elapsed since the finding of the last plague rat, April 30.

Of the 3 suspect rats mentioned in my telegram of this date 1 was brought in on June 29 and 2 on July 6. Two of these were caught in snap traps, as were the 2 rats proven to have plague, and the other rat was picked up, badly decomposed, among the rubbish at the base of the Eighth avenue side of the stable, by a city health inspector. All of these rats have been caught in the stable or in the shed which is attached to the stable and used mainly for the storing of hay and grain.

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, July 6:

A rat brought to the laboratory from Eighth avenue and Madison street on June 23 presented appearances suggestive of plague infection. Microscopical examination and plate cultures were negative. A rat inoculated cutaneously from the organs died June 29 with the gross and microscopical appearances of plague, and cultures from this rat have been verified. A guinea pig inoculated cutaneously from this rat on June 29 died July 6 with plague-like lesions and bipolar bacilli in smears. A pigeon inoculated subcutaneously with a twenty-four-

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hour culture on June 30 has shown no symptoms of illness. This case has been entered on our records as plague rat No. 12.

A rat delivered on June 29 from Eighth avenue and Madison street exhibited plague-like lesions. Microscopic examination was negative. Plate cultures yielded an organism which responds to the morphological and cultural tests of *bacillus pestis*. A rat inoculated cutaneously on June 30 from the twenty-four-hour culture died July 3 with the gross and microscopical appearances of plague. This case has been recorded as plague rat No. 13.

Another rat delivered on June 29 from the same locality is under examination.

Doctor Glover further reports:

July 17. Chapin reports positive 4 rats killed July 9 during clean up Eighth and Madison, making total of 9 from this locality.

**STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED**

**CALIFORNIA—Oakland.**—Month of April,<sup>a</sup> 1908. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 171, including enteric fever 5, diphtheria 1, and 20 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 8, enteric fever 4, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 2, measles 27, and tuberculosis 2.

**San Diego.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 53, including measles 2, whooping cough 1, and 10 from tuberculosis. Cases: Measles 23, smallpox 2, and diphtheria 4.

**CONNECTICUT.**—Month of June, 1908. Reports to the State board of health from 162 towns, having an aggregate population of 1,013,659, show as follows: Total number of deaths from all causes 1,135, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 5, measles 6, scarlet fever 5, whooping cough 6, and 115 from phthisis pulmonalis. Cases: Diphtheria, 133 in 34 towns; enteric fever 39 in 14 towns; measles, 309 in 41 towns; scarlet fever, 122 in 33 towns; whooping cough, 79 in 17 towns; phthisis pulmonalis, 73 in 30 towns.

**ILLINOIS—Rockford.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Cases: Diphtheria 2 and scarlet fever 2.

**INDIANA.**—Month of May, 1908. Estimated population, 2,648,594. Total number of deaths, 2,694, including 11 from diphtheria, 27 from enteric fever, 25 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, 28 from whooping cough, and 389 from tuberculosis.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 37 cases in 13 counties; enteric fever, 91 cases in 26 counties; smallpox, 275 cases in 33 counties.

**Jeffersonville.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 10,840. Total number of deaths, 11, including smallpox 1 and 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 2, tuberculosis 2, and smallpox 20.

<sup>a</sup> Received out of regular order.

**MINNESOTA.**—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 1,979,658. Reports to the State board of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 1,953, including diphtheria 37, enteric fever 11, measles 8, scarlet fever 18, whooping cough 7, smallpox 5, and 168 from tuberculosis. Deaths reported from State institutions during the month numbered 30, including 7 from tuberculosis.

**Minneapolis.**—Month of December,<sup>a</sup> 1907. Estimated population, 300,000. Total number of deaths, 267, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 6, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 2, and 33 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 51, enteric fever 18, scarlet fever 30, smallpox 81, and tuberculosis 34.

Month of January, 1908. Total number of deaths, 325, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 5, measles 2, scarlet fever 3, and 33 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 40, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 87, smallpox 145, and tuberculosis 18.

Month of February, 1908. Total number of deaths, 269, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 2, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, and 35 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 33, enteric fever 9, scarlet fever 78, smallpox 115, and tuberculosis 22.

**NEW YORK.**—Month of May, 1908. Estimated population, 8,580,-603. Reports to the State department of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 11,537, corresponding to an annual death rate of 16.1 per 1,000 of the population, including enteric fever 91, measles 203, scarlet fever 220, whooping cough 50, diphtheria 201, and 1,249 from phthisis pulmonalis. Cases: Diphtheria 1,833, enteric fever 314, measles 9,777, scarlet fever 4,547, small pox 48, and tuberculosis 1,982.

**Troy.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 77,650. Total number of deaths, 116, including diphtheria 2, scarlet fever 1, and 19 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 7, enteric fever 9, measles 7, scarlet fever 8, and tuberculosis 15.

**Yonkers.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 72,000. Total number of deaths, 82, including enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 3, and 8 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 6, measles 10, scarlet fever 29, and phthisis pulmonalis 32.

**UTAH—Salt Lake City.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 85,000. Total number of deaths from all causes, 80, including enteric fever 1, diphtheria 2, and 8 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 4, whooping cough 22, measles 8, scarlet fever 21, smallpox 13, tuberculosis 3, and enteric fever 2.

**WEST VIRGINIA—Charleston.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 26,000. Total number of deaths, 32, including enteric fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 6 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 1, and enteric fever 2.

<sup>a</sup> Received out of regular order.

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[For reports received from December 27, 1907, to June 26, 1908, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS FOR JUNE 26, 1908.]

[NOTE.—In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
<b>Alabama:</b>				
Huntsville .....	Jan. 5-June 18 .....	85 .....	.....	
Mobile.....	June 7-July 4 .....	9 .....	.....	
Total for State.....	.....	94 .....	.....	
				And vicinity.
<b>Arkansas:</b>				
Texarkana .....	Dec. 1-June 15 .....	.....	.....	Present.
<b>California:</b>				
Angel Island Quarantine Station.....	Jan. 1-May 18 .....	.....	.....	
Los Angeles.....	June 7-July 4 .....	6 .....	.....	5 additional cases. Report received out of date.
Oakland.....	Apr. 1-May 31 .....	14 .....	.....	July 13, 1 case on scr. Alumna.
Sacramento .....	May 1-31 .....	3 .....	.....	
San Diego County .....	June 1-13 .....	.....	.....	100 cases estimated. Mainly on Pala Indian Reservation.
San Diego .....	July 6 .....	1 .....	.....	From day steamer City of Long Beach.
San Francisco.....	June 6-27 .....	17 .....	.....	
Total for State.....	.....	41 .....	.....	
<b>District of Columbia:</b>				
Washington .....	June 14-27 .....	8 .....	.....	
Total for District.....	.....	8 .....	.....	
<b>Illinois:</b>				
Alexander County.....	May 1-31 .....	3 .....	.....	
Carroll County.....	May 1-31 .....	5 .....	.....	
Cass County.....	May 1-31 .....	34 .....	.....	
Champaign County.....	May 1-31 .....	4 .....	.....	
Christian County.....	May 1-31 .....	3 .....	.....	
Clark County.....	May 1-31 .....	11 .....	.....	
Cook County—				
Chicago .....	June 14-July 11 .....	7 .....	.....	
Harvey .....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Dupage County.....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Effingham County.....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Iroquois County.....	May 1-31 .....	3 .....	.....	
Jo Daviess County.....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Kane County.....	May 1-31 .....	37 .....	.....	
Macon County.....	May 1-31 .....	5 .....	.....	
Macoupin County.....	May 1-31 .....	5 .....	.....	
Marshall County.....	May 1-31 .....	9 .....	.....	
McLean County.....	May 1-31 .....	5 .....	.....	
Mercer County.....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Montgomery County.....	May 1-31 .....	7 .....	.....	
Morgan County.....	May 1-31 .....	20 .....	.....	
Jacksonville .....	June 1-30 .....	10 .....	.....	
Peoria County.....	May 1-31 .....	12 .....	.....	
Saline County.....	May 1-31 .....	5 .....	.....	
Sangamon County—				
Springfield .....	June 19-July 2 .....	3 .....	.....	
Stevenson County.....	May 1-31 .....	25 .....	.....	
Tazewell County.....	May 1-31 .....	64 .....	.....	
Warren County.....	May 1-31 .....	6 .....	.....	
Will County.....	May 1-31 .....	1 .....	.....	
Joliet.....	May 1-31 .....	19 .....	.....	
Total for State.....	.....	308 .....	.....	
<b>Indiana:</b>				
Allen County.....	Apr. 1-30 .....	1 .....	.....	
Fort Wayne .....	June 21-27 .....	2 .....	.....	
Bartholomew County.....	Apr. 1-30 .....	1 .....	.....	
Boone County.....	Apr. 1-30 .....	1 .....	.....	
Carroll County.....	May 1-31 .....	51 .....	.....	
Clark County.....	Apr. 1-May 31 .....	24 .....	.....	
Jeffersonville .....	June 1-30 .....	20 .....	1 .....	
Dearborn County.....	Apr. 1-30 .....	3 .....	.....	
Dekalb County.....	Apr. 1-May 31 .....	11 .....	.....	
Delaware County.....	Apr. 1-May 31 .....	21 .....	.....	
Fulton County .....	Apr. 1-30 .....	19 .....	.....	
Grant County .....	Apr. 1-May 31 .....	49 .....	.....	

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Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
<b>Indiana—Continued.</b>				
Hendricks County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Howard County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	15	.....	
Huntington County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	38	.....	
Jackson County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....	
Johnson County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	9	.....	
Knox County .....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	31	.....	
Laporte County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Lawrence County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	12	.....	
Madison County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	4	.....	
Marion County .....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	38	.....	
Indianapolis .....	June 8-July 12.....	18	1	
Marshall County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Miami County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	16	.....	
Morgan County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Noble County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	9	.....	
Orange County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Owen County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	4	.....	
St. Joseph County—				
South Bend .....	June 29-July 4.....	1	.....	
Shelby County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	35	1	
Steuben County .....	May 1-31.....	30	.....	
Sullivan County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	9	.....	
Tippecanoe County .....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	11	.....	
Lafayette .....	June 21-July 6.....	2	.....	
Tipton County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Wabash County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....	
Warrick County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Wayne County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	15	.....	
Wells County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Vigo County .....	May 1-31.....	8	.....	
Total for State.....		535	3	
Iowa, general .....	Jan. 1-June 30.....	2,092	.....	
Cedar Rapids.....	June 1-July 1.....	4	.....	
Davenport .....	June 2-30.....	3	.....	
Sioux City.....	June 1-30.....	2	.....	
Total for State.....		2,101	.....	
<b>Kansas:</b>				
Allen County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	9	.....	
Anderson County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....	
Atchison County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	48	4	
Atchison .....	Apr. 1-30.....	16	4	
Barton County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....	
Bourbon County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	10	.....	
Chase County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Cherokee County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	7	.....	
Cheyenne County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Crawford County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Pittsburg .....	Apr. 1-30.....	8	.....	
Doniphan County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....	
Douglas County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	8	.....	
Edwards County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Franklin County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Greenwood County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	8	.....	
Hamilton County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Harper County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	7	.....	
Harvey County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....	
Hodgeiman County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Jackson County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	32	.....	
Jefferson County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Kingman County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	12	.....	
Lambette County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....	
Parsons .....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....	
Leavenworth County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	18	.....	
Lincoln County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Linn County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	15	.....	
Lyon County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	18	.....	
Miami County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	5	.....	
Montgomery County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	5	.....	
Nemaha County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	26	.....	
Neosho County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Osage County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Pottawatomie County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Reno County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	12	.....	
Republic County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	10	.....	
Saline County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	11	.....	
Sedgwick County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	7	.....	
Shawnee County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	30	.....	
Topeka .....	June 7-July 11.....	13	.....	
Smith County .....	Apr. 1-30.....	7	.....	

Additional reported out of date.

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Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Kansas—Continued.				
Stevens County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Sumner County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....	
Trego County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2 <sup>2</sup>	.....	
Washington County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Wyandotte County—				
Kansas City.....	June 8-15.....	3	.....	
Total for State.....		447	.....	
Kentucky:				
Covington.....	June 21-July 11...	4	.....	
Total for State.....		4	.....	
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	June 14-July 11...	18	1	
Total for State.....		18	1	
Maryland:				
Baltimore.....	July 5-11.....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		1	.....	
Massachusetts, general.....	May 1-31 .....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		1	.....	
Michigan:				
Detroit .....	July 4-11 .....	1	.....	
Saginaw .....	June 21-27 .....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		2	.....	
Minnesota:				
Aitkin County.....	Apr. 1-June 15 .....	7	.....	
Anoka County.....	Apr. 28-May 10 .....	5	.....	
Becker County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	123	.....	
Benton County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	10	.....	
Big Stone County.....	Apr. 7-May 17 .....	1	.....	
Blue Earth County.....	Apr. 21-June 15 .....	21	.....	
Brown County.....	Mar. 31-May 17 .....	12	.....	
Carver County.....	Apr. 28-June 8 .....	19	.....	
Cass County.....	June 1-8 .....	1	.....	
Chippewa County.....	Apr. 21-June 1 .....	8	.....	
Chisago County.....	Apr. 14-June 8 .....	2	.....	
Clay County.....	Apr. 28-June 8 .....	18	.....	
Crow Wing County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	9	.....	
Dakota County.....	Apr. 28-June 8 .....	8	.....	
Douglas County.....	June 9-15 .....	2	.....	
Faribault County.....	May 4-June 8 .....	18	.....	
Fillmore County.....	May 4-17 .....	9	.....	
Freeborn County.....	May 4-10 .....	1	.....	
Goodhue County.....	May 4-June 4 .....	15	.....	
Hennepin County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	29	.....	
Minneapolis.....	June 1-15 .....	10	.....	
Houston County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	3	.....	
Hubbard County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	26	.....	
Isanti County.....	Apr. 28-May 17 .....	5	.....	
Itasca County.....	Apr. 7-June 15 .....	20	.....	
Jackson County.....	Apr. 13-June 15 .....	14	.....	
Kanabec County.....	May 4-10 .....	5	.....	
Kandiyohi County.....	May 4-15 .....	16	.....	
Kittson County.....	Apr. 14-June 1 .....	3	.....	
Koochikong County.....	May 25-June 15 .....	6	.....	
Lac qui Parle County.....	May 4-June 15 .....	6	.....	
Lake County.....	May 27-June 15 .....	12	.....	
Lesueur County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	13	.....	
Lincoln County.....	June 4-10 .....	1	.....	
Lyon County.....	May 4-10 .....	2	.....	
McLeod County.....	May 24-June 8 .....	3	.....	
Martin County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	5	.....	
Meeker County.....	Apr. 28-June 8 .....	24	.....	
Millelaes County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	4	.....	
Morrison County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	16	.....	
Mower County.....	May 17-24 .....	3	.....	
Nicollet County.....	Apr. 28-June 1 .....	14	.....	
Nobles County.....	Apr. 28-May 3 .....	1	.....	
Norman County.....	May 10-June 15 .....	2	.....	
Olmsted County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	11	.....	
Ottertail County.....	Apr. 28-June 15 .....	15	.....	
Pine County.....	May 17-June 1 .....	8	.....	
Pipestone County.....	June 1-8 .....	1	.....	

*Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.*

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Minnesota—Continued.				
Polk County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	12	.....	
Pope County.....	Apr. 28-May 8....	1	.....	
Ramsey County.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	11	.....	
St. Paul.....	May 1-31.....	49	.....	
Red Lake County.....	May 4-17.....	4	.....	
Redwood County.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	13	.....	
Renville County.....	May 10-15.....	4	.....	
Rice County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	3	.....	
Rock County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	3	.....	
Roseau County.....	May 4-June 10....	2	.....	
St. Louis County.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	9	.....	
Duluth.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	126	.....	
Scott County.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	147	.....	
Sibley County.....	Apr. 27-June 8....	6	.....	
Stearns County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	43	.....	
Steele County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	13	.....	
Stevens County.....	Apr. 28-May 24....	7	.....	
Swift County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	16	.....	
Todd County.....	Apr. 28-June 15....	45	.....	
Wabasha County.....	Apr. 28-May 10....	5	.....	
Washington County.....	May 24-June 15....	6	.....	
Wilkin County.....	Apr. 28-June 8....	5	.....	
Winona County.....	May 4-June 15....	4	.....	
Winona.....	June 21-27.....	1	.....	
Wright County.....	Apr. 29-June 15....	33	.....	
Yellow Medicine County.....	May 4-June 15....	8	.....	
Total for State.....		1,143	.....	
Missouri:				
Conway.....	Apr. 20-June 19....	29	.....	
Durham.....	May 1-July 1....	.....		Present and in vicinity.
Kansas City.....	June 14-July 11....	5	.....	
La Belle.....	May 1-July 1....	7	.....	
Lewiston.....	May 1-July 1....	18	.....	
Monticello.....	May 1-July 1....	1	.....	
St. Joseph.....	June 7-July 11....	13	.....	
St. Louis.....	June 14-20.....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		74	.....	
Montana:				
Cascade County.....	May 1-31.....	3	.....	
Chouteau County.....	May 1-31.....	22	.....	
Deerlodge County.....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Fergus County.....	May 1-31.....	8	.....	
Flathead County.....	May 1-31.....	8	.....	
Gallatin County.....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Lewis and Clark County.....	May 1-31.....	3	.....	
Helena.....	May 1-31.....	2	.....	
Meagher County.....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Missoula County.....	May 1-31.....	6	.....	
Missoula.....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Ravalli County.....	May 1-31.....	2	.....	
Valley County.....	May 1-31.....	4	.....	
Total for State.....		62	.....	
Nebraska:				
Friend.....	Apr. 13-June 18....	13	.....	
Lincoln.....	Mar. 1-May 31....	22	.....	
South Omaha.....	June 7-13.....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		36	.....	
New York:				
New York.....	June 14-20....	1	.....	
Niagara Falls.....	June 14-20....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		2	.....	
North Carolina:				
Anson County.....	May 1-31.....	30	.....	
Cabarrus County.....	Apr. 1-May 31....	38	.....	
Camden County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	5	.....	
Chatham County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Chowan County.....	Apr. 1-May 31....	13	.....	
Cleveland County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	8	.....	
Davie County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	4	.....	
Forsyth County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....	
Gates County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....	
Guilford County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....	
Johnston County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	43	.....	May 31, still present.

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Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
North Carolina—Continued.				
Mecklenburg County—				
Charlotte.....	June 14-27 .....	2	.....	
New Hanover County.....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	6	.....	
Orange County.....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	3	.....	
Richmond County.....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Rowan County.....	Apr. 1-May 31.....	26	.....	
Rutherford County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	12	.....	
Wayne County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	5	.....	
Yadkin County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....	
Total for State.....		210	.....	
Ohio:				
Cincinnati.....	June 20-July 10...	6	.....	
Dayton.....	June 14-July 4...	8	.....	
Toledo.....	June 14-20...	4	.....	
Troy.....	Apr. 15-July 3 ...	28	.....	
Total for State.....		46	.....	
Oregon:				
Portland .....	Apr. 1-30.....	13	.....	
Total for State.....		13	.....	
Rhode Island:				
Pawtucket .....	June 12-29.....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		1	.....	
Tennessee:				
Knoxville .....	June 21-27.....	1	.....	
Livingston .....	June 13-Apr. 11...	9	1	
Nashville .....	June 14-20.....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		11	1	
Texas:				
Fort Worth.....	May 1-31.....	9	.....	
San Antonio.....	June 14-July 11...	6	.....	
Total for State.....		15	.....	
Utah:				
Cache County .....	May 1-31.....	2	.....	
Davis County .....	May 1-31.....	1	.....	
Salt Lake County.....				
Salt Lake City.....	May 1-June 13...	18	.....	
Utah County .....	May 1-31.....	6	.....	
Weber County .....	May 1-31.....	19	.....	
Total for State.....		46	.....	
Vermont:				
Whiting .....	May 5 .....	1	.....	
Total for State.....		1	.....	
Virginia:				
Alexandria.....	June 25-27.....	13	.....	
Total for State.....		13	.....	
Washington:				
Seattle .....	May 1-31.....	19	.....	
Spokane.....	June 7-July 4...	39	.....	
Tacoma .....	June 8-14...	1	.....	
Total for State.....		59	.....	
West Virginia:				
Moundsville.....	June 17-July 2...	1	.....	
Total for State.....		1	.....	
Wisconsin:				
La Crosse.....	June 16-July 11...	21	.....	
Milwaukee.....	June 14-July 4...	8	.....	
Total for State.....		29	.....	
Grand total, United States .....		5,322	5	

## Weekly morbidity and mortality table, cities of the United States.

[For smallpox see special table.]

Cities.	Week ended—	Population, United States census, 1900.	Total deaths from all causes.	Tuber-	Enteric	Scarlet	Diph-	Measles,	Whoop-
				closis.	fever.	fever.	theria.	Cases.	Deaths.
Altoona, Pa.	July 11	38,973	11			1		1	
Ann Arbor, Mich.	July 4	14,509	4						
Do.	July 11	14,509	4						
Auburn, N. Y.	July 4	30,345	5	1	1	1			
Do.	July 11	30,345	7						5
Augusta, Ga.	July 14	39,441	12	2	1	1		1	1
Baltimore, Md.	July 11	508,957	271	8	28	20	8	15	1
Bayonne, N. J.	do	32,722				1	4	4	12
Beaver Falls, Pa.	do	10,054	0						
Berkeley, Cal.	July 4	13,214	6	1	1				
Bedford, Me.	July 11	16,145	1						
Binghamton, N. Y.	do	38,647	10						
Boston, Mass.	do	560,892	209	45	26	14		30	1
Bradford, Pa.	do	15,029	3	1	1				1
Brockton, Mass.	do	40,063	5	5	1	1			24
Butte, Mont.	June 30	30,470	13					2	
Do.	July 7	30,470	13	3	2			5	1
Cambridge, Mass.	July 11	91,886	19	6	1	2	1	4	1
Camden, N. J.	do	75,935	25	4	1				
Camden, S. C.	do	2,441	1			1			
Carbondale, Pa.	do	13,536	3						
Charlotte, N. C.	do	18,091	10			1			
Chicago, Ill.	do	1,698,575	510	26	57	6	1	45	7
Chicopee, Mass.	do	19,167	8			1			
Cincinnati, Ohio	July 10	325,902	102	10	10	5	1	2	8
Cleveland, Ohio	do	381,768	122	40	13	7	1	9	15
Clinton, Mass.	July 11	13,667	2						1
Columbus, Ga.	do	17,614	3			1			
Covington, Ky.	do	42,938	23						2
Danville, Ill.	do	16,354	10					1	
Dayton, Ohio	do	85,332	34				2		
Detroit, Mich.	do	285,704	117					3	1
Dunkirk, N. Y.	do	11,616	3				2		
Elkhart, Ind.	do	15,184	6				1		
Elmira, N. Y.	do	35,672	8		2	11	1		1
Erie, Pa.	July 9	52,733	18			2	2		
Do.	July 16	52,733	15	4	2	4			7
Everett, Mass.	July 11	24,336	4	2				1	6
Fall River, Mass.	do	104,863	61	1	1			1	4
Findlay, Ohio	do	17,613	4		2				1
Fort Wayne, Ind.	do	50,947	20		2		4	1	
Galesburg, Ill.	July 4	18,607	3						
Do.	July 11	18,607	2				1		
Galveston, Tex.	July 10	37,789	15	1	1	4			
Gloucester, Mass.	July 4	26,121	4						
Do.	July 11	26,121	3						
Grand Rapids, Mich.	do	87,565	25	6	3	3	1	3	14
Greensboro, N. C.	do	10,035	6	3	2	1	2		6
Greenville, S. C.	do	11,860	3						
Harrison, N. J.	do	10,596	8	1	1			1	
Hartford, Conn.	July 5	79,850	26	3	1	1	1		
Do.	July 12	79,850	24	2	1	1	7		5
Haverhill, Mass.	July 11	37,175	0	1		2			3
Hoboken, N. J.	do	59,364					3	1	1
Hyde Park, Mass.	do	13,244	4						
Indianapolis, Ind.	July 12	169,164	64	3	6	3	1		3
Jacksonville, Fla.	July 11	28,429	21		2	1		1	
Johnstown, Pa.	do	35,936	17	2	5		2		9
Kalamazoo, Mich.	do	24,404	11			2	1		4
Kansas City, Kans.	do	51,418	31	1	3	2		1	1
Kansas City, Mo.	do	163,752	50	2		1	1	1	8
Kearny, N. J.	do	10,896	9	2	2	1			
Kingston, N. Y.	do	24,535	8		1				
Knoxville, Tenn.	do	32,637			5				1
La Crosse, Wis.	do	28,895	3	14				2	
La Fayette, Ind.	July 13	18,116	9	2	2				8
Lancaster, Pa.	July 11	41,459	18		1		1	1	
Lawrence, Mass.	do	62,559	24	2	1	1		1	3
Lexington, Ky.	do	26,369	12		1			2	2
Los Angeles, Cal.	July 4	102,479	72	8	10	5		3	1
Lowell, Mass.	July 11	94,969	45	3	3		2	11	12
Lynn, Mass.	do	68,513	18		1			10	4
Malden, Mass.	do	33,664	8		1	2	1		6

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Cities.	Week ended—	Popula-tion, United States census, 1900.	Total deaths from all causes.	Tuber-cu-lo-sis.		Enteric fever.		Scarlet fever.		Diph-theria.		Mensles.		Whoop-ing cough.	
				Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Warren, Pa.	July 13	8,043	0	2	...	26	5	1	1	...	...	20	...	11	5
Washington, D. C.	July 4	278,718	136	13	11	1	1	3	1	1	1	18	10	1	1
Do	July 11	278,718	140	11	11	1	1	3	1	1	1	5	1	1	1
Wilkesbarre, Pa.	July 10	51,721	17	...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1
Wilkinsburg, Pa.	June 14	11,886	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do	July 12	11,886	7	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Williamsport, Pa.	July 11	28,757	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Wilmington, Del.	do	76,508	32	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Winona, Minn.	do	19,714	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woburn, Mass.	do	14,254	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Worcester, Mass.	do	118,421	38	...	1	...	2	7	...	9	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>a</sup> Intervening weeks previously reported.

## Special report.

## PRELIMINARY NOTE OF A NEW PATHOGENIC HÄMOGREGARINE, HEPATO-ZOÖN PERNICIOSUM, FOUND IN WHITE RATS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

[By Assistant Surgeon W. W. MILLER.]

In March of this year an epizootic was observed among the stock of white rats kept for laboratory purposes. About 25 per cent of the animals died. The disease was marked by an apathetic condition and gradually increasing anemia. Death ensued from 4 days to 2 weeks after the onset of symptoms. Post-mortem examination showed the lesions to be great enlargement of the spleen and fatty degeneration of the liver. An examination of the blood showed a marked increase in the number of large mononuclear lymphocytes (in some rats as many as 110,000 per cm.). In many of the large lymphocytes were embedded oval, encapsulated parasites, measuring on an average 6 by 12 microns, somewhat resembling *Leucocytozoön canis* found in dogs in India. Multiplication in the rat was found to take place in the liver cells. The schizonts, encapsulated when mature, rupture and set free from 15 to 20 merozoites into the liver capillaries. The merozoites, at first free-moving vermicules, are taken in by the large lymphocytes and become the encapsulated parasites. They undergo no further change in the body of the rat, but continue to circulate in the blood stream.

The intermediate host was found to be a mite, *Lelaps echidninus* Berlese, which lives upon and sucks the blood of the rat. In the stomach of the mite the encapsulated parasites become free and conjugation between two vermicules takes place. A zygote is formed which becomes an oökinet, penetrates the stomach wall of the mite, and enters the body tissues. It becomes spheroidal in form and encapsulated, and increases greatly in size (to 200 or 300 microns in diameter). Buds are formed upon the surface of the spherical mass or sporont, which is loosely contained in the enveloping oöcyst. They increase in size and later break off as oval bodies (sporoblasts), become encapsulated, and divide into from 15 to 20 sporozoites. The spor-

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cysts are identical in size and appearance with mature schizonts (cysts) in the rat's liver. The bi-polar arrangement of the sporozoites is also the same. The mature oöcyst in the mite contains from 50 to 100 or more sporocysts.

A large number of rats were experimentally infected by placing upon them mites which had been fed upon infected rats. Infection occurred in from 15 to 28 days or longer.

A large number of healthy rats were fed upon pellets of wet bread upon which infected mites, containing many ripe sporocysts, had been crushed. Twenty-four hours later the rats' blood was found to contain a few free-moving vermicules. Eight to ten days later numerous encapsulated parasites were observed, and, after varying periods of time, some of the animals succumbed to the infection. As the rats have frequently been seen to devour the mites when disturbed by their bites, it is believed that infection is naturally conveyed in this manner. Moreover, the parasites in the mite have always been found encapsulated.

The name *Hepatozoön perniciosum*, n. g., n. sp., is proposed for this new haemogregarine, the first to be recorded for mammals in America.

A complete description of the parasite and the intermediate host, with illustrations and details of the experimental transmission, will appear as Bull. No. 46, Hyg. Lab., U. S. Pub. Health & Mar.-Hosp. Serv., Wash., now in press, under the following title: "*Hepatozoön perniciosum* (n. g., n. sp.): A haemogregarine pathogenic for white rats; with a description of the sexual cycle in the intermediate host, a mite (*Lelaps echidninus*)."

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### ALGERIA.

#### *Deratization in ports.*

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Sanitaire Bimensuelle*, Algiers, June 30:

*Algiers*.—June 16 to 30. Rodents taken by the maritime sanitary service, 1,282; examined by the health laboratory, 197; result negative. Classification of rats: *Mus norvegicus* 1,256; *rattus* 33; *musculus* 43. Total taken during the month, 2,496.

*Bougie*.—118 rodents, June 1 to 4.

*Bone*.—224 rodents, June 10 to 12.

*Arzew*.—437 rodents, June 26 to 29.

### BRITISH HONDURAS.

#### *Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended July 8. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
July 2	Mobile .....	New Orleans.....	48	3	17

### CHINA.

#### *Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports:

Week ended May 30. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on March 28.

Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on March 28.

Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 133 cases, 109 deaths; smallpox, 3 cases, 1 death. Vessels inspected and granted bill of health, 6.

Week ended June 6. Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 138 cases, 112 deaths; smallpox, 4 cases, 3 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bill of health, 7.

Examination of aliens bound from Hongkong to the Philippine Islands, for the week ended June 6: Examined, 45; rejected, 20.

Rejections were for trachoma.

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## COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port—Measures against rats—Stegomyia calopus present.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended July 4. Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. As a prophylactic measure against plague the health officers of Puntarenas, San Jose, and Limon are offering by public notices to buy all rats delivered to them. Heavy rains, especially at night, are very frequent. A few mosquitoes, *Anopheles* and *Stegomyia calopus* are present.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
June 28	Sarnia.....	New York .....	44	52	4
	San Jose .....	Boston .....	46	6	0
	Hispania .....	Mobile .....	20	0	1
July 1	Preston.....	New Orleans .....	35	6	22
	do .....	do .....	24	4	0
	Manistee .....	New York .....	47	3	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed and certificates issued to 9 passengers bound for Colon.

## CUBA.

*Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Inspection of houses and water deposits—Mosquitoes abundant—Status of yellow fever at Daiquiri.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reports, July 13:

*Week ended July 11.*

Vessels inspected.....	13
Bills of health issued.....	16
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	835
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	725
Certificates of immunity to yellow fever issued.....	34
Certificates issued to passengers bound for New York.....	96
Certificates issued to passengers bound for southern ports.....	166
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	4

The sanitary department reports for the week 12,737 house inspections and the detection of 35 deposits of larvæ, of which 14 proved to be those of the genus *Stegomyia*.

The rainy season being now well advanced, mosquitoes are abundant everywhere, especially in the interior. The various species of the genus *Culex*, especially *C. sollicitans*, *C. tæniorhynchus*, and *C. pipiens*, are the most annoying. The two former, being salt-marsh mosquitoes, breeding in crab holes and other natural receptacles along the sea coast, their extermination is practically impossible, and, moreover, being strong fliers, they invade not only the city, but the most remote country districts.

The yellow fever expert detailed by the superior board of health to investigate sanitary conditions in and about the mining camp of Daiquiri, Province of Santiago, reports that yellow fever has been continuously present in the district since April last, the number of cases in the succeeding months being unknown. He made positive diagnoses in 4 cases and obtained notes of 10 others recovered. Since that date (July 8) 4 more cases have been reported, leaving 7 under treatment at the close of the week. Daiquiri has been quarantined, and a detention camp opened near Santiago, where all persons coming from the mines will be detained for a period of 5 days. A rigid marine quarantine has also been declared against the port.

*New yellow fever cases at Daiquiri.*

Doctor Amesse further reports:

July 18. Sanitary department reports two new cases (yellow fever) at Daiquiri.

July 20. One new case at Daiquiri and four cases discharged recovered, leaving 2 now under treatment.

*Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Fumigation of steamship Julia to destroy mosquitoes—Daiquiri quarantined on account of yellow fever—Precautions relative to departure of nonimmunes—Disinfection measures.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, July 7 and 10:

Week ended July 4. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels bound for the United States. The Cuban steamship *Julia*, bound for San Juan, P. R., via Santo Domingo, was fumigated to kill mosquitoes.

No quarantinable disease has been reported in this city during the week.

July 10. Quarantine has been declared against Daiquiri and a cordon of troops put around the town.

It is probable that there have been 15 cases of yellow fever there, all told, since April, most of which were diagnosed as nephritis.

Nonimmunes wishing to leave will have to comply with one of two conditions, viz: (1) Come to Santiago by sea, and go to the quarantine station at Cayo Duan, in this bay, for 5 days' observation; or (2) deposit security that they will not leave Santiago, and that they will report to have their temperature and pulse taken daily for 5 days.

A disinfecting gang of over 100 men went, July 4, to fumigate the whole of Daiquiri. Among them are 4 trained inspectors to supervise the work.

No new cases are reported to date at Daiquiri.

CURAÇAO.

*Fatal yellow fever case; imported.*

Consul Cheney reports:

During the week ended July 3 one fatal case of yellow fever occurred. This is the first case to occur in Curaçao for several years. The patient came from Puerto Cabello. The case was promptly quarantined in hospital and every care has been taken to prevent development of other cases. No case of yellow fever has originated at Curaçao for seven years.

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## GUATEMALA.

*Report from Puerto Barrios, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wailes reports:

Week ended July 9. Present officially estimated population, 250. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 3	Bluefields.....	25	0	.....	.....
9	Corinto .....	29	8	.....	.....

## HAWAII.

*Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports, June 27, through Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer:

Week ended June 27.

Rats trapped in Honolulu.....	648
Rats found dead .....	1
Total number of rats taken in Honolulu .....	649
Rats from Honolulu examined in this laboratory .....	567
Rats examined in Hilo under supervision of this laboratory .....	36
Total number of rats examined bacteriologically.....	603
Total number of rats destroyed.....	685

*Classification of rats from Honolulu.*

Mus rattus.....	155
Mus norvegicus .....	202
Mus alexandrinus .....	103
Mus musculus.....	185
 Total classified .....	 645
Average number of traps set daily .....	720
Ounces of poison placed (kind of poison used barium carbonate).....	16
Rats shot in trees .....	5
Rat holes fumigated with carbon bisulphide .....	5
Rats from Honolulu showing plague infection .....	0
Rats from Hilo showing plague infection .....	0

## HONDURAS.

*Report from Ceiba, fruit port—Local drainage improved.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jumel reports:

Week ended July 7. Present officially estimated population, 6,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Local drainage has been materially improved by effectual dredging of the silted mouth of a small creek which flows diagonally through

Ceiba. At high tide salt water will flow into this creek, inundate marshy areas, and destroy many *Anopheles* mosquitoes in their larval state.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 1	Orleanian.....	33	1	0	0
3	Rosina .....	36	10	0	0
5	Viator.....	17	0	0	0
6	Harald.....	18	0	0	0
7	Marietta Di Giorgio .....	20	0	0	0

*Reports from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Stegomyia calopus present—Inspection of San Pedro—Sanitary conditions good.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports: Week ended June 27. Present officially estimated population, about 2,400. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country, very good. *Stegomyia calopus* present.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
June 23	Helen.....	Mobile .....	22	0	0
24	Mercator.....	New Orleans.....	19	1	0
25	Corinto .....	do.....	28	5	0
26	Columbia .....	Mobile .....	19	0	0
26	Bodo .....	do.....	18	1	0

Temperature taken of all persons on above-named vessels on day of sailing.

Week ended July 4. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country, very good. *Stegomyia calopus* present.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
June 30	Mobile .....	New Orleans .....	49	3	4
July 1	Utsstein.....	do.....	15	4	0
2	Alabama .....	Mobile .....	20	0	0
3	John Wilson.....	New Orleans .....	17	0	0

Temperature taken of all persons on board above-named vessels on day of sailing.

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Week ended July 11. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country, very good. *Stegomyia calopus* present. July 7. Republic of Honduras under martial law (revolution). July 3-7. Inspection of San Pedro, inland town 38 miles distant on railroad. Population, 10,000. Health and sanitary conditions excellent.

Bills of health issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 7	Helen.....	Mobile .....	22	6	0	0
8	Mercator.....	New Orleans .....	18	1	0	0
9	Corinto .....	do .....	27	1	0	0
11	Bodo .....	Mobile .....	17	1	0	0

Temperature taken of all persons on above-named steamers day of sailing.

*Report from Tela, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports as follows:

Week ended July 4. Present officially estimated population, about 1,250. General sanitary conditions of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 1	Rosina .....	New Orleans .....	36	0	0	0
4	Viator .....	do .....	17	0	0	0
4	Harald .....	Mobile .....	18	0	0	0

#### INDIA.

*Report from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, June 18:

Week ended June 13. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Matoppo*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 46. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards on wharf lines, and Asiatics' effects disinfected.

Week ended June 6. Fifty-two deaths from cholera, 45 from plague, and 25 from smallpox in Calcutta.

In Bengal during the same week, 57 cases and 51 deaths from plague; in India during the same period, 1,409 cases, and 1,198 deaths from plague.

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## ITALY.

*Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.*

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, June 29 and July 6:

*Vessels inspected at Naples, week ended June 27.*

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 22	Moltke .....	New York .....	210	90	350
24	Carpathia .....	do .....			
26	König Albert .....	do .....	161	45	280
27	Sannio .....	do .....	225	45	270
	Total .....		596	180	900

*Rejections recommended.*

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
June 22	Moltke .....	4	.....	3	.....		7
24	Carpathia .....	4	.....				4
26	König Albert .....	13	.....	2	.....		15
27	Sannio .....						
	Total .....	21	.....	5	.....		26

*Vessels inspected at Naples week ended July 4.*

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 4	Ancona .....	New York .....	258	60	350
	Venezia .....	do .....	143	50	280
	Total .....		401	110	630

*Rejections recommended.*

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
July 4	Ancona .....	7	.....	1	.....	3	11
	Venezia .....	1	.....			3	4
	Total .....	8	.....	1	.....	6	15

Week ended June 28. Smallpox—Cases: Cairate (Milan), 1; Belluno, 2; Castel San Pietro (Bologna), 1; Rotondella, 1; Sarconi, 1; Barile (Potenza), 2; Polistena (Reggio Calabria), 1; Palermo, 5; Villabate (Palermo), 1.

Week ended July 5. Smallpox—Cases: Offlungen, 1; Castenedolo (Brescia), 1; Roceormassimo (Rome), 20; Triggiano, 2; Carnota, 3; Spinazzola, 1; San Nicandro (Bari), 1; Polistena, 1; Cinquefrondi (Reggio Calabria), 2; Ragusa (Syracuse), 2.

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## CAMPAIGN AGAINST MALARIA IN ITALY.

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg, under date of June 24, in continuance of previous reports by Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin, published in the Public Health Reports, November 2, 1906, page 1297, and February 15, 1907, page 163:

*State quinine and mortality from malaria in Italy.*

Consumption of State quinine.		Deaths.
Fiscal year.	Kilograms sold.	Malaria.
1905-6.....	18,000	758
1906-7.....	20,723	4,871

From the above statistics it will be seen that the results of activity on the part of the Government, the Society for the Study of Malaria, and the Red Cross Society continue to be most encouraging.

One of the most effective methods of suppression being the diffusion of knowledge concerning the disease, the inclosed short treatise on the subject has recently been published by the bureau of public health, and is being distributed gratis among physicians, landowners, contractors, mine directors, parish priests, schoolmasters, presidents of labor unions and others, thus making an important part of the educational campaign.

## INSTRUCTION AND POPULAR ADVICE CONCERNING PROTECTION AGAINST MALARIA.

Malaria is a disease which causes much suffering and a high mortality among our agricultural population and is of great social and economic importance. It attacks all ages, has a number of serious complications (diseases of heart, liver, spleen, kidneys, etc.), and is spread over one-third of the territory of Italy. It affects particularly the workmen in certain regions called malarial regions.

A number of laws have been enacted for the protection of the people against malaria, and through these the State has assumed the direction of the production and sale of quinine in order that its purity and low price may be guaranteed. Accordingly, it is placed within the reach of all, its sale being authorized in pharmacies and other public shops, and it may be obtained without the prescription of a physician. The Government has further instituted the gratuitous distribution of quinine and other necessary sanitary assistance to agricultural laborers and workmen in malarial districts.

The laws also provide for shelters and homes for these laborers and workmen, and for their protection against the entrance of mosquitoes by a system of screens and netting.

The laws further provide for the draining of malarial regions. Landowners are obliged to facilitate drainage and to prevent the formation of pools and marshes, as these induce malaria.

All citizens are enjoined to cooperate with the authorities so that these laws may be properly enforced.

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To be attacked by malaria is believed by a great many workmen in malarial regions to be their fate, but this belief is erroneous and dangerous. Malaria can be conquered as its causes and means of prevention are known.

The fever is produced by small, living animals visible only by means of the microscope. They penetrate the red blood corpuscles in which they develop and reproduce. When the new parasites reach a certain stage of development and are found in great numbers in the blood they cause an attack of malarial fever. This stage of development may be reached in one, two, or three days; accordingly there are several types of fever—quotidian, tertian, and quartan.

The mosquito carrying the germs of malaria infects the blood of man through its sting, the mosquito having been infected by sucking the blood of a person suffering

from malaria. The germ is introduced into the intestine of the mosquito, passes through its walls, reproduces, and then accumulates in the salivary gland. The germ is then communicated to man with the subsequent sting of the insect.

For the spread of the disease there are necessary (1) the presence of a person suffering from malaria and (2) the presence of the special mosquito, the genus *Anopheles*.

This mosquito is a little larger than the ordinary mosquito and develops usually in stagnant waters, marshes, ditches, canals, artificial lakes, and ponds. Its season is from the first warm weather in spring to the first cold of autumn, and it stings usually between sunset and sunrise, hiding during the day in the shadows of plants, houses, stalls, sheds, etc. Hence malaria is more generally caught in the evening and early morning.

The time between an infecting sting and the first manifestation of fever is called the incubation period. This period is from six to fourteen days.

All persons living in malarial regions are liable to an attack, and colds, excesses, debility, etc., predispose.

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Sufferers from malaria should be cured as speedily as possible. Besides the personal benefit derived, the cure destroys the parasite, which prevents the disease being spread to others. When the disease is neglected it becomes chronic, and then its cure is most difficult, prolonged, and expensive.

A number of persons apparently well carry a small number of germs in their blood for a long time, and so may continually be the cause of infection in others.

Malaria is cured by means of quinine. In order that this remedy be most efficacious it must be taken regularly and for a prescribed length of time. It is dangerous to believe that a cure can be effected without the aid of a physician, and in few diseases is prompt intervention so necessary as in malaria. The remedy should be taken four or five hours before the time that the fever regularly appears.

The fever shows itself only when the germs have reached a certain grade in development, but a small number may remain in the blood a long time without producing an attack of fever. In this case the person may believe himself to be cured, while on the contrary the malady persists, as relapses after months or even years may demonstrate. Therefore the quinine treatment must continue until the fever has ceased and until all germs have disappeared from the blood.

Besides being an efficacious remedy, quinine is a safe preventive. Persons who take regularly small quantities of quinine can live indefinitely in a malarial zone without taking the disease. Since agricultural laborers and workmen in malarial zones may receive quinine gratis, they offend against themselves and others in not making use of these prophylactic doses, for when properly taken quinine is without danger.

Quinine as a preventive is recommended particularly to those living in the same house with a person suffering from malaria.

It is advisable that persons continue the use of prophylactic doses of quinine for a few weeks after leaving a malarial district. Farm laborers or workmen with fever, on leaving a malarial district for a nonmalarial district of another municipality, must be provided through a medical prescription with sufficient quinine for the cure or for the prevention of the disease for the time of the journey and for the first seven days of abode in the second locality.

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The efforts of the authorities and charitable institutions must be supported by the good will of the landowners and contractors. The protection of their workmen is not only humanitarian and worthy of a civilized people, but it is advantageous to themselves.

All landowners, contractors, mine directors, citizens, farm laborers, and workmen are invited to give energetic and trusting cooperation in this work, and the propaganda of the physicians will be most effective when aided by schoolmasters, parish priests, presidents of labor unions, etc., by making plain to the people the facts about malaria, its prevention and cure.

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It is recommended that contractors in malarial districts see that their employees are regularly supplied with prophylactic doses of quinine; that every new case be promptly reported and treated; that the prejudices of recalcitrants be overcome, and that prizes be distributed to those who most scrupulously carry out the advice of the physicians.

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The destruction of mosquitoes, the prevention of their development, and protecting man against their stings must not be overlooked.

Landowners and contractors should do all that is possible to remove marshes, pools, stagnant surface waters, ditches, etc., in which mosquitoes generally deposit their eggs and develop. Excavations and ditches should be filled as soon as possible, canals should be built to safeguard against collection of water in pools from rains. New excavations should not be made deep enough to uncover subterranean water.

Farm laborers and workmen should always be supplied with suitable shelters as far as possible from stagnant waters. They should be well protected against the entrance of mosquitoes through apertures, windows, doors, and chimneys. The use of mosquito netting over beds is advised, and the means of protection should always be in a good state of preservation. Sleeping in the open air, in humid or shady places should be prohibited even in the daytime. All laborers should leave work and seek shelter at the setting of the sun.

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Young children and infants should be well protected against mosquito stings as the mortality from malaria among them is very high.

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It is a grave danger for an infected person to believe it unnecessary to protect himself against the stings of mosquitoes. He is the source of infection for others.

#### JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Plague-infected rats found at Yokohama—Plague at Nara—Epidemic dysentery at Shidzuoka—Smallpox in Japan during year ended May 31, 1908.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, June 24:

Week ended June 20. Bills of health issued to 4 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 622 crew, 226 saloon and 345 steerage passengers. One of these vessels, the steamship *Indrasamha*, bound for New York via ports, was fumigated, holds and forecastle, for destruction of rats, one hold being omitted on account of inflammable gases.

Plague-infected rats are being found in two sections of this city, both of which are being cleaned up by the authorities. These sections are distant from the water front and have no godowns or hotels; they are occupied by coolies who work upon vessels.

Plague has appeared at Nara, one of the old capitals, and in the prefecture of the same name, 14 cases being reported.

This place, formerly a city of over a million, now has about 10,000 inhabitants, is inland and about 25 miles from Osaka.

Dysentery is epidemic in Shidzuoka, one village near by having 30 infected houses out of the total of 50. This is the tea district, and all vessels to America are stopping at the port, Shimidzu.

The home department states that during the year ended May 31 there occurred throughout the Empire of Japan 17,401 cases and 5,763 deaths from smallpox.

#### *Examination of emigrants.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Iyo Maru* recommended June 24 for rejection: For Seattle, 1; advised to wait, 5.

Per steamship *Korea* June 29: For Honolulu, advised to wait, 7.  
Rejection and detentions were for trachoma.

## MEXICO.

*Report from Coatzacoalcos—Inspection of vessel.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, July 9:  
Week ended July 8. One vessel inspected and passed.

*Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Stegomyia calopus not numerous—Sanitary precautions against Laguna maintained.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jacobs reports, July 5:

Week ended July 4. Total bills of health issued, 4. Vessels inspected and fumigated, 3. Vessels inspected only, 1. Total members of crews, 244. Cabin passengers, 85; steerage passengers, 94.

The health and sanitary conditions of Veracruz and vicinity are good. No quarantinable diseases have been reported during the week. Heavy rains continue almost daily. Mosquitoes are increasing in numbers, though *Stegomyia calopus* are not plentiful. Of 9 taken from a vessel after fumigating 1 belonged to the latter genus, the others being *Culex* and *Anopheles*.

Sanitary measures against Laguna continue here as previously reported.

*History of yellow fever case previously reported.*

Doctor Jacobs further reports, July 8:

Male, Mexican, 17 years old, cigar maker, native of Orizaba. Two years' residence in Veracruz. Taken sick July 2. The physician in charge reported the case as suspicious, and a member of the National Board of Health saw the patient and gave a diagnosis of malaria.

The patient grew worse, and on July 7 the attending physician again called on the board, stating that in his opinion the patient had yellow fever. The whole board then went to see the case and all concurred in the diagnosis of the attending physician. The patient had all the symptoms of yellow fever, including black vomit, and died the same evening. The case was reported to me unofficially at 9 o'clock p. m. of July 7 by one of the members of the board.

The patient resided in a tenement house and had not been out of the city during the past three months. The day before being taken sick he went fishing outside the breakwater and was caught in a heavy rain.

The entire block in which the house is situated has been fumigated. The focus is not known. As all vessels sailing for ports south of the southern boundary of Maryland have been fumigated and crews and passengers carefully inspected since my arrival here, I need only add the taking of temperatures to make complete the close quarantine which is being observed from to-day.

Crews and passengers of vessels sailing for northern ports via other ports will be carefully inspected, as has been the rule. Only one vessel has sailed direct for a northern port, all others going via Mexican or Cuban ports.

The Cuban maritime sanitary officer has not yet received his instructions and no fumigation is done for vessels clearing for Cuban ports.

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## NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields, fruit port—Stegomyia calopus numerous—Screening ordinance not generally observed.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Week ended June 30. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Rainfall steady and plentiful. Mosquitoes increasing. *Culex* and *Anopheles* present in large quantities. A great many *Stegomyia calopus* observed. Excessive rains have given the port a thorough cleaning.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
June 28	Imperator.....	New Orleans, La....	22	12	0

Week ended July 7. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Screening ordinance partially enforced and imperfectly complied with. Foreign residents only have screened their tanks, cisterns, etc., and not even all of these have complied with the law.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
July 1	Chelston .....	Boston, Mass., via Prinzapulca, Nicaragua, and Mathewtown Inagua, West Indies.	631	5	75
5	Dictator .....	New Orleans, La .....	19	2	0

\* Sixty-seven loading crew temporarily on board.

Temperature of all on board steamship *Dictator* taken at hour of departure; all normal.

## PANAMA.

*Reports from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows:

Week ended June 30. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Present officially estimated population, 4,954.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 24	Katie .....	Mobile.....	22	0	0	0
25	Fort Gaines.....	do.....	23	0	0	0
26	Chickahominy.....	New Orleans.....	46	0	0	0
28	Bertha.....	do.....	24	3	0	0

Week ended July 7. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 1	Belvernon .....	Mobile .....	21	0	0	0
2	Fort Morgan .....	do .....	22	0	0	0
4	José .....	American ports via Port Antonio, Jamaica.	27	1	0	0
5	Appomattox .....	New Orleans .....	46	2	0	0

#### PERU.

*Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Plague in Chilean ports.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, June 25:

Week ended June 20. Two steamships and 2 American schooners were dispatched with an aggregate personnel of 176 crew, 64 cabin, and 59 steerage passengers. The four ships were fumigated.

The following is the last report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Pública:

Locality.	Cases June 2.	New.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining June 8.
Lima (city).....	11	1	4	.....	8
Callao .....	6	2	3	2	3
Trujillo (city).....	28	{ 3	4	8	31
Trujillo (country).....		{ 12 }			
Mollendo .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Monsefú .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Niepos (Hualgayoc).....	2	.....	.....	.....	2

Since my last report 2 cases of pneumonic form of plague have occurred in Callao; both were removed to the lazaretto.

Bills of health from Chilean ports report as follows: Antofagasta (May 30), 18 cases of plague and 2 deaths; Iquique (June 1), 10 cases of bubonic remain in the lazaretto. No new cases. Arica (June 2), a few cases of bubonic plague in the port and the surrounding country.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, June 9:

Week ended June 6. Smallpox, 15 cases, 9 deaths.

Consular bills of health issued:

June 1, the British steamship *Taiyuan*, with 71 crew and 17 passengers, en route from Hongkong to Zamboanga, granted a supplemental bill of health.

June 2, the British steamship *Kaifong*, with 64 crew and 16 passengers, en route from Amoy and Hongkong to Cebu and Iloilo, granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected at Mariveles.

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June 5, the British steamship *Keemun*, with 90 crew, en route from Liverpool to Seattle and Tacoma, granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

#### PORTE RICO.

*Report from San Juan—Status of measures for protection of the island against introduction of plague.*

May 16, Passed Assistant Surgeon Vogel was directed by the Bureau to proceed to Porto Rico for the purpose of conferring with the acting governor and the chief quarantine officer in relation to measures in force for the protection of the island against the introduction of plague. Doctor Vogel reports:

On June 4 I had a conference with Acting Governor Willoughby, at which Chief Quarantine Officer Foster was present, and as a result of this conference can report that the municipal governments of all the Porto Rican ports are considering ways and means of conducting an anti-rat campaign.

The quarantine regulations with regard to plague-infected ports and vessels are being rigidly enforced against all arrivals from Venezuelan ports. All such vessels are required to discharge cargo into lighters in the open bay, after the vessel has been treated with sulphur dioxide to destroy vermin. The lighters are allowed alongside only during daylight and any vessel remaining longer than 24 hours is placed in strict quarantine in accordance with the regulations against plague. All passengers destined for places in Porto Rico are under observation for 7 days before disembarkation. No stevedores from shore are allowed aboard vessels, the discharging of cargo being done by the personnel of the vessel. There are about 3 vessels a month arriving at San Juan from Venezuelan ports, and an average of one vessel arriving at Ponce from Venezuelan ports each month. The number of arrivals at other Porto Rican ports from Venezuelan ports is insignificant. At Mayaguez there are about 8 vessels a year from Venezuela and about the same number at Arecibo and Aguadilla. There is no communication between the ports of Arroyo, Humacao, and Fajardo, and Venezuelan ports.

#### CONDITIONS AT SUBPORTS.

On visiting the subports I found the conditions as follows: Arecibo is a town of about 10,000 inhabitants. It has communication by sailing vessel about four or five times a year with Maracaibo, Venezuela. The cargo of this vessel consists of bark for tannery purposes. At a conference on June 5 with the quarantine officer, the health officer, and the mayor, it was stated that the town council had made an appropriation, to be used as a bounty on rats. This appropriation would be available after July 1. The authorities are also having a general cleaning of the town, and they contemplate using poisons in the sewers, the town being well provided with sewers. I advised the town authorities to continue the antirat campaign until all danger of infection was passed.

Aguadilla is a small place, and has communication with Venezuela about as often as Arecibo, and through the same vessel and for the

same purpose, namely, to bring bark to Aguadilla for the tannery there. The merchants of Aguadilla have subscribed to a fund which is being used as a bounty on rats. This bounty has been in effect now about three weeks, and the authorities have received an average of 300 rats per week.

Mayaguez, a port of considerable importance on the west coast of the island, has a population of 25,000. A large car barn, slaughterhouse, and wharf and sugar warehouses are located here. A large part of the town is in a very unsanitary condition. There is no sewer system and the garbage is dumped several miles out of town. There is very little communication with Venezuela, the only vessel touching here being the schooner above referred to, which also brings bark for a tannery.

Ponce has about 30,000 inhabitants and has a considerable area. As stated previously, there is communication about once a month by steamer with Venezuela. The merchants of the port of Ponce have subscribed a fund to be used in cleaning up and in anti-rat measures. This work is under the direction of one of the physicians of the above-mentioned committee. The town proper has a fund appropriated for cleaning the town and for anti-rat measures.

At a conference with the local authorities there was considerable discussion about the utility of the Danyz's virus, and I gave it as my opinion, based upon my experience in San Francisco, that this virus was in many cases ineffective, working on a large scale, unless the authorities had laboratory facilities adequate to maintain a fresh supply at all times.

There is quite a large section of the town which would be very dangerous in event of plague gaining an entrance. I advised the conference to take measures against rats, by poisoning, trapping, and a rat bounty. The Insular Secretary and Chief Quarantine Officer Foster were present and took part in the discussion.

The authorities at Arroyo and Humacao have been advised to take measures to destroy rodents. These two ports are unimportant, as they have no communication with Venezuela, and there are no wharves at either place.

Fajardo, on the northeast coast of the Island, is an unimportant port, there being no communication with Venezuela and no wharves in the port. The town authorities will institute a campaign against rats by trapping.

*Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, June, 1908.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, June 30, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

*Month of June, 1908.*

Vessels inspected .....	11
Vessels disinfected .....	2
Vessels in quarantine .....	5
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming .....	69
In transit .....	597
Passengers in quarantine .....	13
Immigrants inspected .....	10
Rejections .....	0
Crew inspected .....	448
Bill of health issued .....	22
Pieces of baggage disinfected .....	7

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## ST. THOMAS.

*Precautions against introduction of plague.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wild reports, July 2:

Steamships coming from any port in Venezuela or Trinidad for coal are kept in the bay and coaled from lighters only in daytime. Coal is passed from lighters to deck of steamers by laborers. Crew then takes coal to bunkers. No one is allowed ashore, and guards are placed around ship. Should any cargo arrive it would first be fumigated.

A bounty for rats and mice has been proposed and is now before the governor for indorsement.

## SIERRA LEONE.

*Report from Sierra Leone—British Gold Coast again declared infected with plague—Quarantine ordered.*

Consul Yerby reports, June 15:

By order of council Akkra, on the Gold Coast, was, on June 6, again declared by the Sierra Leone government an infected port, and all vessels arriving at ports in Sierra Leone are directed to be placed under quarantine.

Three new cases of plague appeared at Akkra on May 26. These cases terminated fatally. No new cases have been reported.

## TRINIDAD.

*New plague cases—Measures taken to eradicate the disease—Reported prevalence of yellow-fever epidemic in interior of Venezuela.*

Consul Handley reports, July 1:

Four more deaths of bubonic plague have occurred here since my dispatch dated June 22.

Since the outbreak of plague (May 30) here there have been officially reported 16 cases and 12 deaths. Four are at present under treatment. No white persons have contracted the disease. There are at present 21 "contacts" in the isolation camp. Since the outbreak about 300 have been sent to this camp for a period of 5 or 10 days, but no cases have developed among any of them. The authorities are becoming more active in the eradication of the disease and are resorting to burning some of the houses where cases have occurred and fumigating the surrounding dwellings. A reward is offered for each rat delivered to the medical authorities.

Reports were received here on June 29 by steamships from Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, stating that there is at present a yellow fever epidemic extending from San Felix (a small town on the Orinoco River below Bolivar) to Callao (a mining village in the State of Guayana, Venezuela). It is estimated that there have been 80 cases, 50 per cent of the number having proved fatal. The villages affected are Upata, Guasipati, and Callao.

## VENEZUELA.

*Report from Caracas—No cases of plague since June 28—Epidemic plague at La Guaira officially declared ended.*

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of July 13:

The clerk left in charge of archives at Caracas sends the following telegram, dated Willemstad, July 13:

"No more cases plague Caracas since June 28. July 3 epidemic officially declared ended at La Guaira. Death there June 30."

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CITIES—UNTABULATED.

BORNEO—*Sandakan*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 10,495. Total number of deaths, 34, including 7 from beri-beri.

CANADA—*Ontario—Hamilton*.—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 63,256. Total number of deaths, 73, including whooping cough 2, and 11 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*Cherbourg*.—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 43,948. Total number of deaths, 76, including enteric fever 2, measles 1, and 9 from tuberculosis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended June 27, 1908, correspond to an annual rate of 11.8 per 1,000 population, which is estimated at 16,234,952.

*London*.—Nine hundred and ninety-one deaths were registered during the week, including measles 28, scarlet fever 7, diphtheria 8, whooping cough 11, enteric fever 2, tuberculosis 153, and 21 from diarrhea. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 10.8 per 1,000. In Greater London 1,422 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 6 from measles, 3 from diphtheria, and 4 from whooping cough.

*Ireland*.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended June 27, 1908, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 15.2 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,131,959. The lowest rate was recorded in Lurgan, viz, 4.4, and the highest in Newtownards, viz, 22.9 per 1,000.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended June 27, 1908, correspond to an annual rate of 14.5 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,839,038. The highest rate of mortality was recorded in Dundee, viz, 19.2, and the lowest in Leith, viz, 9.9 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 510, including measles 7, scarlet fever 1, enteric fever 1, and 12 from whooping cough.

GREECE—*Patras*.—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 42,500. Total number of deaths, 29, including enteric fever 3, and 11 from tuberculosis.

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**HAWAII—Honolulu.**—Month of June, 1908. Census population, 39,306. Total number of deaths, 84, including enteric fever 1, and 21 from tuberculosis.

**SPAIN—Barcelona.**—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 600,000. Total number of deaths, 1,119, including diphtheria 14, enteric fever 20, smallpox 3, measles 34, scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 16, and 66 from tuberculosis.

**SWITZERLAND.**—Week ended June 20, 1908. Reports from 18 cities, having an aggregate population of 876,946, show as follows: Total number of deaths, 289, including diphtheria 7, measles 1, enteric fever 2, whooping cough 2, and 44 from tuberculosis.

*Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, from June 26 to July 24, 1908.*

[Reports received by the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from American consuls, through the Department of State, and from other sources.]

[For reports received from December 27, 1907, to June 26, 1908, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for June 26, 1908.]

[**NOTE.**—In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Ceylon, general .....	May 17-23 .....		1	
India:				
Bombay .....	May 20-June 16 .....		3	
Calcutta .....	May 10-June 6 .....		313	
Madras .....	May 16-June 5 .....		17	
Rangoon .....	May 17-June 6 .....		27	
Indo-China:				
Cochin .....	May 10-30 .....	48	45	
Saigon .....	May 10-June 6 .....	63	46	Report May 23 included Cholen.
Philippine Islands:				
Manila .....				
Provinces .....				
Bataan .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	20	18	
Bulacan .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	91	72	
Capiz .....	Jan. 1-May 23 .....	236	191	
Cavite .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	22	20	
La Laguna .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	3	2	
Mindoro .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	32	20	
Pampanga .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	145	128	
Pangasinan .....	Jan. 1-May 23 .....	388	268	
Rizal .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	143	116	
Tarlac .....	Jan. 1-Mar. 31 .....	10	8	
Zambales .....	Feb. 2-Mar. 31 .....	62	48	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore .....	May 10-16 .....		1	

YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil:				
Manaos .....	May 26-June 13 .....	5	5	
Para .....	May 31-June 20 .....	9	9	
Rio de Janeiro .....	June 1-7 .....	2	2	
Cuba:				
Santiago Province—				
Daiquiri .....	July 6-20 .....	11	1	In vicinity, present since April.
Santiago .....	July 4-11 .....	1	1	From Daiquiri.
Curaçao .....	June 28-July 3 .....	1	1	Imported.
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil .....	May 31-June 20 .....		6	
Mexico:				
Frontera .....	July 12 .....	1		
Laguna de Terminos .....	June 9-26 .....	3	1	From May 18—1 case additional from S. S. Lembit.
Veracruz .....	July 17 .....	3	1	
Venezuela .....	June 26 .....	80	40	Estimated, in Upata, Guasipati, and Callao.

*Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.—Continued.*

## PLAQUE.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Australia:				
Brisbane .....	June 6 .....	1 .....		
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro .....	May 11-June 14 .....	5 .....		
Sao Paulo .....	May 18-31 .....		2 .....	
British Gold Coast:				
Akkra .....	May 20-26 .....	3 .....	3 .....	
Chile:				
Antofagasta .....	May 18-30 .....	42 .....	4 .....	
Arica .....	May 21-June 2 .....			Present.
Iquique .....	May 20-26 .....	11 .....	1 .....	
China:				
Canton .....	May 1-June 9 .....	10 .....		Mainly imported. June 13 still present.
Foochoo .....	April 6 .....			Present.
Hongkong .....	May 10-June 6 .....	473 .....	381 .....	
Hsing-Sua .....	June 2-8 .....			Do.
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil .....	May 31-June 20 .....		12 .....	
Egypt:				
Alexandria .....	May 27-June 16 .....	9 .....	5 .....	
Provinces—				
Assiout .....	May 27-June 16 .....	2 .....	1 .....	
Minieh .....	May 15-June 14 .....	4 .....	1 .....	
Garbicheh .....	May 16-June 18 .....	15 .....	1 .....	
Fayoum .....	May 28-June 18 .....	58 .....	37 .....	
Beni Souef .....	May 29-June 17 .....	15 .....		
Kena .....	May 28-June 18 .....	19 .....	19 .....	
Galyoobeeyeh .....	May 21-June 16 .....	59 .....	12 .....	
India:				
Bombay Presidency and Sind.	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	3,726 .....	3,086 .....	
Madras Presidency .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	237 .....	162 .....	
Bengal .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	717 .....	667 .....	
United Provinces .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	1,457 .....	1,322 .....	
Punjab .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	12,641 .....	10,365 .....	
Burma .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	681 .....	630 .....	
Central provinces, including Berar.	Apr. 26-May 16 .....	23 .....	19 .....	
Coorg .....	May 24-31 .....	4 .....	1 .....	
Mysore State .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	241 .....	194 .....	
Central India .....	Apr. 26-May 16 .....	4 .....	4 .....	
Rajputana .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	621 .....	468 .....	
Kashmir .....	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	14 .....	7 .....	
Northwest frontier province.	Apr. 26-June 6 .....	402 .....	355 .....	
Grand total .....		20,768 .....	17,280 .....	
Indo-China:				
Cholen .....	May 10-30 .....	7 .....	5 .....	
Saigon .....	May 10-June 6 .....	21 .....	18 .....	Report May 23 included Cholen.
Japan:				
Formosa .....	May 10-June 6 .....	490 .....	375 .....	From May 15 epidemic at Taiwan; 25 cases reported daily.
Kobe .....	May 24-30 .....	1 .....	1 .....	
Nara .....	June 14-20 .....	14 .....		
Osaka .....	May 17-June 6 .....	13 .....	12 .....	
Peru:				
Callao .....	May 20-June 8 .....	13 .....	4 .....	
Chiclayo .....	May 20-June 8 .....	2 .....	2 .....	
Lima .....	May 20-June 8 .....	16 .....	4 .....	And vicinity.
Mollendo .....	June 2-8 .....	1 .....		
Monsefu .....	June 2-8 .....	1 .....		
Niepos (Hualgayoc) .....	June 2-8 .....	2 .....		
Trujillo .....	May 20-June 8 .....	52 .....	21 .....	Do.
Siam:				
Tongkah .....	May 4 .....			Present.
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore .....	May 17-30 .....		2 .....	
Trinidad:				
Port of Spain .....	June 4-July 4 .....	13 .....	9 .....	
Turkey in Asia:				
Bagdad .....	June 7-27 .....	32 .....	19 .....	
Venezuela:				
Caracas .....	June 10-27 .....	15 .....	4 .....	
La Guaira .....	June 16-30 .....	5 .....	2 .....	

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Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Algeria:				
Algiers .....	June 29-July 4.....		2	
Arabia:				
Aden .....	May 28-June 22.....		8	
Argentina:				
Buenos Aires .....	Mar. 1-31 .....		2	
Austria:				
Galicia .....	May 24-June 27....	3	.....	
Borneo:				
Sandakan .....	Apr. 16-30 .....	6	.....	
Brazil:				
Bahia .....	May 1-31 .....	114	5	Report for April not received.
Pernambuco .....	May 1-15 .....		25	
Rio de Janeiro .....	May 11-June 14....	971	419	
Santos .....	May 18-June 7....		4	
Canada:				
Nova Scotia—				
Halifax .....	June 14-July 11....	19	.....	
Ontario Province—				
Hamilton .....	June 1-30 .....	3	.....	
Ceylon, general .....	Apr. 1-30 .....		2	
China:				
Amoy (Kulangsu) .....	Apr. 5-May 16 .....		1	
Foochow .....	Apr. 26-June 6....		.....	Present.
Hongkong .....	May 10-June 6....	18	10	
Nanking .....	June 11 .....			Epidemic.
Shanghai .....	May 18-June 14....		8	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil .....	May 31-June 20....		12	
Egypt, general .....	May 14-June 10....	256	51	
Cairo .....	May 31-June 24....	23	7	
France:				
Paris .....	May 31-June 27....	5	.....	
Toulon .....	May 1-31 .....	1	.....	
Germany, general .....	May 24-June 20....	24	.....	
Bremen .....	May 24-June 6....	3	.....	
Great Britain:				
Liverpool .....	Apr. 30-June 6....	1	.....	
India:				
Bombay .....	May 20-June 26....		102	
Calcutta .....	May 10-June 6....		73	
Madras .....	May 23-29 .....		1	
Indo-China:				
Choloen .....	May 24-30 .....	5	1	
Italy, general .....	June 8-July 5....	96	.....	
Catania .....	May 22-June 11....		1	
Naples .....	June 7-20 .....	12	.....	
Palermo .....	May 24-June 20....	13	2	
Turin .....	June 8-14 .....	1	.....	
Japan:				
Kobe .....	May 31-June 13....	7	.....	May 30, 1 case on S. S. Mongolian; June 13, 1 case on S. S. Muncaster Castle.
Nagasaki .....	May 26-31 .....	1	.....	
Osaka .....	May 10-June 6....	83	50	
Yokohama .....	June 2-8 .....	2	.....	
Java:				
Batavia .....	May 10-30 .....	10	1	
Mexico:				
Aguas Calientes .....	June 8-July 12....		8	
Mexico City .....	May 10-30 .....		57	
Monterey .....	June 8-14 .....		1	
Philippine Islands:				
Manila .....	May 3-June 6....	60	35	First quarter calendar year 1908, 42 cases, 12 deaths.
Porto Rico:				
Mayaguez .....	June 7-27 .....	6	.....	
Portugal:				
Lisbon .....	May 31-June 27....	14	.....	
Russia:				
Batoum .....	May 1-31 .....	1	.....	
Moscow .....	May 24-June 27....	142	50	
Odessa .....	May 24-June 20....	23	2	
Riga .....	June 7-27 .....	6	.....	
St. Petersburg .....	May 17-June 13....	164	44	
Warsaw .....	May 10-23 .....		8	
Siberia:				
Vladivostok .....	May 6-June 4....	5	.....	
Spain:				
Barcelona .....	June 1-30 .....		3	
Valencia .....	June 1-27 .....	51	2	

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Straits Settlements:				
Singapore .....	May 24-June 6 .....		3	
Turkey in Asia:				
Bagdad.....	May 10-June 6....	49	6	Report from May 17-31 not received.
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	June 1-29.....		20	
Zanzibar .....	June 8-14.....		1	

## Weekly mortality table, foreign and insular cities.

Cities.	Week ended—	Estimated population.	Total deaths from all causes.	Deaths from—							
				Tuberculosis.	Plague.	Cholera.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.
Aberdeen .....	June 27	174,579	38								
Aden .....	June 15	43,974	30	3							4
Aguascalientes.....	July 5	40,000	84	2							
Alexandretta.....	June 13	15,000	4								
Amsterdam .....	June 27	565,122	138	20							
Do .....	July 4	565,122	130	16							
Athens .....	June 27	241,058	88	16			1				
Barranquilla.....	do .....	40,000	57				5				
Basel.....	do .....	131,000	19	5							
Belfast.....	do .....	380,344	114	24			1				
Berlin.....	June 13	2,101,732	494	78			2	2	8		10
Birmingham.....	June 27	558,336	145							1	3
Bluefields.....	July 4	2,500	3								
Bordeaux .....	June 27	253,000	96	14						1	1
Bradford.....	do .....	292,136	66	7						1	1
Bristol.....	do .....	372,785	76		*					1	2
Brussels.....	do .....	630,078	133	15						1	
Calcutta .....	May 30	847,736	523	39	60	81	20			5	10
Cartagena, Colombia ..	June 29	30,000	25	1							
Ceiba .....	July 4	6,500	1								
Chemnitz .....	June 20	270,600	101	10						1	3
Cienfuegos .....	July 4	37,000	16	1						1	
Coburg .....	June 20	23,334	7	1							
Cognac .....	June 27	19,483	1								
Cologne .....	June 20	461,378	148	15						2	1
Colombo .....	May 30	180,262	119	15						8	3
Constantinople .....	June 28	1,000,000	202	32						5	2
Crefeld .....	June 13	127,673	31	2							
Do .....	June 20	127,673	34	4							1
Denia .....	June 27	12,421	2								
Dresden .....	June 20	541,400	135	18						1	1
Dundee .....	June 27	168,616	60								3
Durban .....	June 6	60,972	13	1							1
East London .....	do .....	49,253	12	1							2
Flushing .....	July 4	20,257	3								
Funchal .....	June 28	44,049	23	2						1	1
Geneva .....	June 20	118,500	35								
Glasgow .....	July 3	859,715	219							1	4
Gottenborg .....	June 27	160,500	34	6							1
Greenock .....	do .....	71,783	22								1
Guayaquil .....	June 20	70,000	55	2	1	1	6	1		1	1
Halifax .....	July 4	40,727	9								
Hamburg .....	June 27	854,472	177	27						2	6
Hamilton, Bermuda ..	June 22	20,206	5							1	2
Do .....	June 29	20,206	7								
Do .....	July 6	20,206	6								

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Havre.....	June 13	132,430	39	7					1			
Do.....	a June 27	132,430	52	12								
Hilo.....	June 21	16,000	3	2								
Johannesburg.....	May 23	102,078	60									
Do.....	May 30	102,078	74									
Königsburg.....	June 20	234,400	111	9								
Lausanne.....	do.....	56,000	18									
Leeds.....	June 27	477,107	110	9								
Leipzig.....	June 20	528,184	148	25								
London.....	June 27	7,323,327	1,422									
Lübeck.....	do.....	95,000	31	1								
Madras.....	June 5	509,346	362				9					
Magdeburg.....	June 20	248,052	71	11								
Managua.....	May 30	22,278	19									
Do.....	June 6	22,278	18	2								
Do.....	June 13	22,278	17									
Do.....	June 20	22,278	12	1								
Manchester.....	June 27	631,533	177	10								
Mannheim.....	June 13	177,875	39	7								
Matamoras.....	July 4	8,000	5	1								
Mayaguez.....	June 27	35,700	29	3								
Do.....	July 4	35,700	34	2								
Mazatlan.....	June 20	22,000	15									
Do.....	June 27	22,000	22									
Mexico City.....	May 23	400,000	368	29					18	13	5	1
Do.....	May 30	400,000	386	24					29	20	1	3
Monrovia.....	June 6	7,000	7									
Do.....	June 13	7,000	7									
Moscow.....	June 20	1,335,104	715	78					5	5	1	7
Münich.....	June 6	556,000	206	18								
Newcastle-on-Tyne.....	June 27	272,969	74									
Nottingham.....	June 20	255,000	77									
Nuevo Laredo.....	July 4	8,000	3	1								
Odessa.....	May 30	467,000	183	27					1	1	1	2
Do.....	June 6	467,000	155	26								
Do.....	June 13	467,000	123	21					1	2	1	1
Do.....	June 20	467,000	187	26					1	2	1	4
Palermo.....	June 13	330,000	156	9								
Do.....	June 20	330,000	174	5					2			
Paris.....	June 27	2,776,394	823	159								
Plymouth.....	do.....	116,000	24									
Port Elizabeth.....	June 6	32,959	18	6								
Do.....	June 13	32,959	15	5								
Port of Spain.....	June 20	60,000	29	1	2							
Prague.....	do.....	231,780	127	29								
Do.....	June 27	231,780	123	29								
Pretoria.....	May 23	36,839	7									
Do.....	May 30	36,839	5									
Rotterdam.....	July 4	407,346	103								3	1
St. George's, Bermuda.....	June 13	2,189	1									
Do.....	June 20	2,189	2									
St. John, N. B.....	July 11	40,789	7	2								
Salavery.....	June 24	1,750	1									
San Feliu de Guixols.....	June 27	11,094	7	2								
Santa Cruz de Teneriffe.....	June 20	46,000	9									
Santiago de Cuba.....	July 4	45,497	15	1								
Schiedam.....	June 27	30,935	10	1								
Do.....	July 4	30,935	13	1								
Singapore.....	May 30	260,000	353	39	1				# 3			1
Southampton.....	June 27	122,196	24	4								
Stettin.....	do.....	255,000	82	9								
Toronto.....	June 6	272,600	80									
Do.....	June 13	272,600	84									
Do.....	June 20	272,600	80									
Do.....	June 27	272,600	67									
Do.....	July 4	272,600	66									
Trieste.....	June 20	213,719	86									
Turin.....	June 14	373,701	116	11								
Valencia.....	June 27	250,000	122	8					1			
Vevey.....	June 20	14,000	3									

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Victoria, B. C .....	July 4	27,500	6 1							
Vienna .....	June 20	2,021,052	733 116							1 3 1 33 9
Vigo .....	June 27	36,000	10 3							1
Warsaw.....	May 23	764,611	229 49				4		1	3 1 2 1
West Hartlepool.....	June 27	66,750	19							
Zurich .....	do ...	177,329	50 10							

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